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Art Unit : 1771

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PROPOSED CLAIMS PER PHONE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are proposed amendments according to our phone conversation of October 23, 2002, which took place at approximately 11:30 AM.

In view of the added limitation that the adhesive have a pharmacologically active agent, the term "doped adhesive" is superfluous and thus, deleted.

Further, the limitation directed to the *tensile strength* has been deemed inherent by the examiner and, therefore, incapable of rendering the claims patentably distinct over the cited art. This term is unnecessary and has also been deleted.